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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Josée HAMEL, et al.

Serial No.: 09/471,255

Filed: December 23, 1999

Re: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTIGENS

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) Group Art Unit: 1645

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) Examiner: VIRGINIA A. PORTNER

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) AND 1.17(a)(3)

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 4, 2002 set to expire December 4, 2002 for an additional three months, i.e., up to and including March 4, 2003.

Please charge the amount of \$930.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-0417 to cover the Petition fee. A Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated

with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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